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SUBJECT: YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC POSITION ON KOREAN RESOLUTION

REF: STATE 195243, SEOUL 6492

1. STATE 195243 ARRIVED AUG 21 DAY OF DEPARTURE OF ALL KEY FOREIGN POLICY DECISION-MAKERS ON TOUR OF SIX MIDDLE EAST STATES. AS YARG DELEGATE TO NAC HAD ALSO DEPARTED FOR LIMA, THERE WAS NO RPT NO PRACTICAL WAY TO MAKE FURTHER DEMARCHES TO YARG ON NAC ISSUES. (SANA 2309 OUTLINES OUR EARLIER STEPS ON THIS SUBJECT).

2. IN CONSULTATION WITH UK AMBASSADOR HERE, DECIDED TO FOCUS ATTENTION HERE ON COMPETING UN RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THE TWO KOREAS INSTEAD OF TRYING TO FOLLOW UP ON NAC. UK AMBASSADOR SAW PRIMIN WHILE I CONTACTED JAPANESE TRADE DELEGATION WHO DEPUTY MIN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN TOKYO. JAPANESE SAID THEY PLANNED TO RAISE ISSUE WITH YARG AS MAJOR CONCERN. TO MAKE APPROACH FROM ANOTHER DIRECTION, I ARRANGED APPOINTMENT WITH ACTING YARG FONMIN HUSSAIN AL-AMRI, WHO NOT DECISION-MAKER BUT COULD RELAY OUR INTEREST AND CONCERNS TO OTHERS.

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3. UK AMBASSADOR STATES THAT PM VERY RECEPTIVE TO CHANGE IN YARG POSITION AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, JAPANESE DIPLOMATS SAID THEY HAD GOT COMMITMENT RPT COMMITMENT FROM PM TO SUPPORT FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. PM ALSO SAID HE WOULD INSTRUCT YARG PERM REP IN UN TO LOBBY FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. JAPANESE SAID THEY SURPRISED AND VERY PLEASED.

4. 4. IF THIS HOLES, IT IS CONSIDERABLE SHIFT FROM THE PAST, WHEN YARG SPONSORED HOSTILE KOREA RESOLUTION. ON 28 AUGUST HOWEVER, WHEN I SAW AL-AMRI HE SAID ONLY THAT QUESTION OPEN. UK AMBASSADOR PLANT TO TOUCH ON SUBJECT HERE WHEN FONMIN AL-ASNALRRETURNS WITH PRESIDENT AUG 31. WE WILL DO SAME. THIS SHOULD BALANCE GROWING PRESSURE FROM NORTH KOREANS, USSR, AND PRC REPS HERE TO GET POSITIVE ANSWER TO THEIR REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF YARG SUPPORT FOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

5. IF YARG SHIFTS ON KOREAN RESOLUTION IN UN BELIEVE GROUND WILL BE LAID FOR SHIFT ON PRESENT RELUCTANCE ADD SOUTH KOREA TO LIST OF STATES WITH EMBASSY HERE. HOWEVER, YARG FRANKLY INTERESTED IN BENEFITS SOUTH KOREA MIGHT PROVIDE, BOTH TO COUNTER POTENTIAL PVSSX OF NORTH KOREAN AID AND QUIET LEFTIST CRITICS. BELIEVE TIME RIPE FOR SOUTH KOREA FOLLOW-UP PERHAPS THROUGH JAPANESE, WHO ARE SAYING TO YARG THEY WILL "MAKE EVERY EFFORT" TO OPEN JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE SOON. RANSOM

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